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Director of Logistics

Retention of Construction Engineer Position on FE T/O

REFERENCE: (a) Memo to C/FE from D/L dated 13 Nov. 1956, Subject: Table of Organization Changes in FE Area
(b) [redacted]
25X1A6c (c) [redacted]

1. Reference (a) recommended that the position of Construction Engineer (GS-14) in the FE area not be abolished. Reference (b) advised the field of the position of the D/L on this matter. Reference (c) is a recommendation from the Chief, Support Base, that the position be abolished.

2. There is a continuing need, from the logistics viewpoint, for a Construction Engineer on TCS in this area. This need was apparent during my visit to the FE area several months ago.

3. I wish to emphasize the importance of a Senior Construction Engineer in the area not only to furnish advice and guidance to the Stations and Bases on construction matter, but also to furnish technical studies, reports, and appropriate recommendations to headquarters for planning purposes. Distances and time involved, as well as cost, dictate against TDY trips from headquarters except under unusual circumstances. In addition, it is felt that an Engineer assigned to the area will be far more familiar with local problems and conditions than an Engineer on a TDY assignment, and therefore better able to furnish proper data and sounder recommendations on contemplated construction matters.

4. The status of construction in the FE area as outlined in paragraph 1 of reference (c) does not present a full picture of the volume of construction in effect and planned. Enclosure (1) is a tabulation of major FE construction projects. It is evident that further construction will be necessary in support of the [redacted] program, and perhaps other projects. 25X1C

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5. In view of the above, it is again strongly recommended that a 25-14 Construction Engineer position be established on the FE field T/O.

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